**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1    1.    A sort system comprising:

2          a sort controller receiving a plurality of

3    information items regarding content,

4          wherein the sort controller sorts the information

5    items using a current user task context and a content type

6    for the information items to select one or more sort keys

7    for sorting the information items.


1    2.    The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2    selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

3    preferences for the current user task context and the

4    content type.


1    3.    The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2    selected  sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3    the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4    nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5    primary sort key selected by the user.

1        4.    The sort system according to claim 1, wherein a

2    change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3    change of the primary sort key by the user.


1        5.    The sort system according to claim 1, wherein the

2    plurality of information items are displayed in an order

3    determined by the sort controller together with a user

4    control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

5    under the primary sort key.

6.    An audio/video receiver comprising:

an input for receiving content and a plurality of information items regarding the content; and

a sort controller receiving and sorting the information items using a current user task context and a content type for the information items to select one or more sort keys for sorting the information items.

7.    The audio/video receiver according to claim 6, wherein the selected sort keys are derived from user sorting preferences for the current user task context and the content type.

8.    The audio/video receiver according to claim 6, wherein the selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a nature of the current user task context inferred from the primary sort key selected by the user.

9.    The audio/video receiver according to claim 6, wherein a change in the current user task context is inferred from a change of the primary sort key by the user.

1      10.  The audio/video receiver according to claim 6,

2    wherein the plurality of information items are displayed in

3    an order determined by the sort controller together with a

4    user control calibrated to groupings having equivalent

5    values under the primary sort key.

1       11.   A sorting method comprising:

2               receiving content and a plurality of information

3       items regarding the content; and

4               sorting the information items using a current

5       user task context and a content type for the information

6       items to select one or more sort keys for sorting the

7       information items.


1       12.   The method according to claim 11, wherein the

2       selected sort keys are derived from user sorting

3       preferences for the current user task context and the

4       content type.


1       13.   The method according to claim 11, wherein the

2       selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3       the user and a secondary sort key selected based on a

4       nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5       primary sort key selected by the user.


1       14.   The method according to claim 11, wherein a

2       change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3       change of the primary sort key by the user.

1        15. The method according to claim 11, further

2    comprising:

3            displaying the plurality of information items are

4    displayed in an order determined by sorting using the

5    primary and secondary sort keys together with a user

6    control calibrated to groupings having equivalent values

7    under the primary sort key.

1          16.  A signal comprising:

2               an ordered listing of information items,

3               wherein the ordered listing is derived by sorting

4     a plurality of information items using a current user task

5     context and a content type for the information items to

6     select one or more sort keys for sorting the information

7     items.


1          17.  The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2     selected   sort   keys   are   derived   from   user   sorting

3     preferences  for  the  current  user  task  context  and  the

4     content type.


1          18.  The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2     selected sort keys include a primary sort key selected by

3     the  user  and  a  secondary  sort  key  selected  based  on  a

4     nature of the current user task context inferred from the

5     primary sort key selected by the user.


1          19.  The signal according to claim 16, wherein a

2     change in the current user task context is inferred from a

3     change of the primary sort key by the user.

1     20.  The signal according to claim 16, wherein the

2    ordered listing is adapted for generating a display of the

3    ordered listing of information items in an order determined

4    by sorting using the primary and secondary sort keys

5    together with a user control calibrated to groupings having

6    equivalent values under the primary sort key.